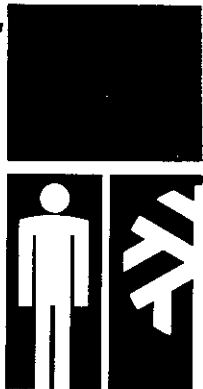


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Cabins	Uninhabited structures; hunter, hiker, and patrol cabins	X
	Inhabited as a primary place of residence	X
Size of unit	Greater than 5,000 acres adjacent to existing wilderness, or of a manageable size	X
	Less than 5,000 acres or of unmanageable size	X

### SUITABILITY DETERMINATION

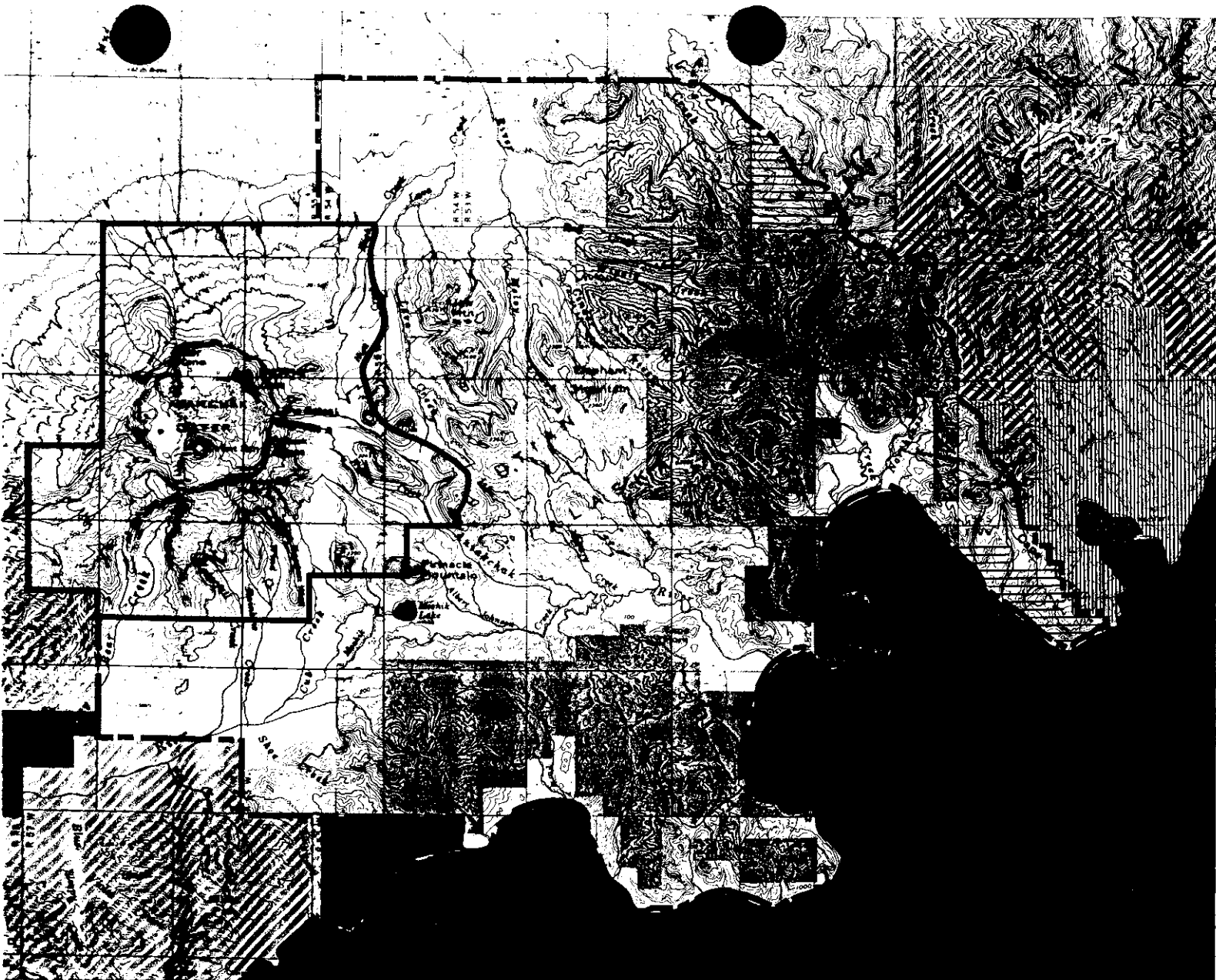
Using the above criteria, all of the federal lands within Aniakchak have been determined suitable for wilderness designation based on their present undeveloped and unimpaired state. There are no past or current major mining developments, improved roads or ATV trails, improved or maintained airstrips, or inhabited cabins on the federal lands subject to this review. However, approximately 197,817 acres (including surface and subsurface) have been selected by and/or conveyed to regional native corporations, individuals, and the state of Alaska. Whether or not these selections will be transferred out of federal ownership is uncertain at this time. For purposes of this suitability review, three preliminary wilderness study areas have been identified and analyzed (see Wilderness Suitability map). These include federal lands under selection (suitability pending), those lands that will definitely remain in federal ownership (suitable), and those lands selected and already conveyed to private or state ownership (not suitable). A determination of suitability does not affect any pending selections or other prior existing land disposal actions.

Area 1 (about 185,310 acres - 31%) - These are lands selected by or interimly conveyed to Koniag, Inc., which include the subsurface oil and gas rights. They consist mainly of the coastal areas along portions of Amber, Aniakchak, and Kujulik bays. They are currently undeveloped and would, if ultimately retained in federal ownership, complement the adjoining preserve land to the west. Therefore, these lands or any portions thereof are suitable if retained in federal ownership and unsuitable if conveyed out of federal ownership. These lands are shown as "Suitability Pending" on the Wilderness Suitability map.

Area 2 (about 404,962 acres - 67%) - These lands encompass the remainder of the federal land within Aniakchak. They are undeveloped and therefore suitable for further consideration as wilderness. These lands are shown as "Suitable" on the Wilderness Suitability map.

Area 3 (about 12,507 acres - 2%) - These lands have been selected and conveyed to native corporations or to the state of Alaska. They are located in the extreme eastern and northeast portion of the preserve. Due to the nonfederal ownership, these areas are considered "Not Suitable" as indicated on the Wilderness Suitability map.

Changes in land status occurring or likely to occur between now and when future wilderness recommendations are made to the Congress will be reflected in those recommendations. All future wilderness recommendations would be made subject to valid existing rights.



SUITABLE (AREA 1)

SUITABLE (AREA 2)

NOT SUITABLE (AREA 3)

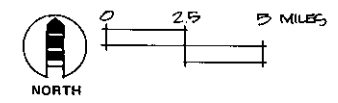
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